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# News Release

## **MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED TO 70 MONTHS FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES**

NEW HAVEN, CT-United States Attorney Kevin J. O'Connor announced that Miguel Nava-Juarez, also known as Juan Bundeca-Hernandez, 35, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Alvin W. Thompson in Hartford to 70 months of imprisonment on his conviction for re-entering the United States subsequent to his deportation to Mexico on June 18, 2002.

On or about July 25, 2002, special agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) encountered Nava-Juarez in Windham, Conn. He had been arrested by local authorities and thereafter convicted in state court of misdemeanor assault charges.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court by the Government, Nava-Juarez had entered the United States illegally, thereafter been convicted of a criminal offense, and then deported to Mexico on four separate occasions between 1989 and 2002. Until today, Nava-Juarez had never been sentenced to more than three years of imprisonment for any offense, and had never served more than 18 months of imprisonment for any of his various state court drug and assault convictions. However, under federal sentencing procedures, Nava-Juarez will be required to serve at least 85 percent of the sentence imposed today by Judge Thompson.

In view of Nava-Juarez' criminal history, among other factors, Judge Thompson declined defense requests to give Nava-Juarez a sentence below the range called for in the federal sentencing guidelines.

This case was investigated by special agents of ICE under the Department of Homeland Security.

U.S. Attorney O'Connor commended the Danielson Superior Court Bail Commission for notifying ICE about NAVA-JUAREZ.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Krishna R. Patel.

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